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PART I.

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ORDERS

CHIEF SECRETARIAT.

Abolition of certain Lock-ups.

READ—

Correspondence ending with letter No. C. 615-23, dated the 17th September 1931, from the Inspector General of Prisons in Mysore, submitting proposals either for the abolition of certain Lock-ups in the State which do not receive Magisterial Prisoners or for their removal from the list of the Prisons Department.

2. Letter No. C. 1309/30, dated the 28th February 1931, from the Inspector-General of Police in Mysore, submitting his views on the above proposal.

3. Correspondence ending with letter No. 92 of 31-32, dated the 17th August 1931, on the subject from the Registrar of the High Court of Mysore.

4. Letters from the District Magistrates of Districts on the same subject.

ORDER THEREON No. G. 5782-93—PRIS. 46-30-24, DATED 16TH JANUARY 1932.

The Inspector-General of Prisons reports that out of 71 Taluk Lock-ups including that at Kalasa, only 18 are of the nature of Jail establishments and that the remaining 53, which do not function and entail expense without corresponding utility ought not to find a place in the organization of the Prisons Department. He therefore recommends that they may be removed from the list of Magisterial Lock-ups. The Inspector-General of Police who was consulted in the matter is of opinion that it is not advisable to abolish all the lock-ups mentioned by the Inspector-General of Prisons but that it

would be necessary to retain the lock-ups at such places as have permanent Courts other than Bench Courts and at others visited by itinerant Courts. In this view, he suggests the retention of 19 more lock-ups. This proposal is agreed to by the Inspector-General of Prisons and the High Court.

On the District Magistrates being consulted in the matter, the District Magistrates of Hassan, Kadur, Chitaldrug and Tumkur press for the retention of ten more lock-ups in the marginally noted places for the reason that as there are Bench Courts in the first seven places, accommodation should be found for prisoners sentenced by them, that in Turuvekere and Koppa, there are itinerant Courts and that at Mudgere the Amildar-Magistrate is invested with the power of trying breach of contract cases which necessitate accommodation for persons arrested and brought before him.

Government are not quite satisfied about the necessity to retain the seven lock-ups referred to in the places where there are Bench Courts. However, as the District Magistrates concerned have urged the need for their retention, they may be continued for the present and a report submitted to Government as to the necessity for their further retention before the end of June 1932 with reference to the experience gained till then.

Subject to this modification, Government are pleased to direct that the lock-ups mentioned in the Appendix A be abolished and those in Appendix B retained. The Lock-up at Heggaddevankote will also be abolished as it has ceased to be a place of itineration after the transfer of the criminal jurisdiction of that Taluk to the Second Munsiff-Magistrate at Mysore.

As regards the strength of the guards required for the 47 lock-ups retained, the Inspector-General of Prisons agrees with the opinion of the Inspector-General of Police that a guard consisting of one duffedar and two constables is enough in ordinary circumstances and on those rare occasions when the admissions are larger than usual, the guard may be supplemented by one or two constables according to necessity and that these guards should be continued to be supplied by the Police Department as at present. The Inspector-General of Prisons further suggests that the Police on guard duty in the lock-up should be under the Officer-in-charge of the lock-up and when their services are not required for guarding purposes, they may be sent back to the Police Officer concerned. Government approve of these proposals also.

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APPENDIX A.

LOCK-UPS ABOLISHED.

Bangalore District—
 (1) Channapatna
 (2) Kankanhalli
 (3) Nelamangala
 (4) Devanhalli
 (5) Hoskote

Kolar District—
 (6) Dowringpet
 (7) Malur
 (8) Mulbagal
 (9) Sidlaghatta

Tumkur District—
 (10) Gudihanda
 (11) Koratagere
 (12) Gubbi

Mysore District—
 (13) Yedatore
 (14) Gundlupet
 (15) T. Narasipur
 (16) Nagamangala
 (17) Seringapatam

(18) Yelandur
 (19) Heggaddevankote

Shimoga District—
 (20) Sorab
 (21) Kumsi

Kadur District—
 (22) Kalasa

Chitaldrug District—
 (23) Molakalmuru
 (24) Holalkere

(25) Harihar